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KRESGE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$400,000 TO CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART BUILDING CAMPAIGN

A grant of \$400,000 has been awarded to The Cleveland Museum of Art by

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan, it was announced today by James H.

Dempsey, Jr., president of the Museum Board of Trustees. The grant is the full

amount requested from the Foundation by the Museum for its current \$6.7 million

campaign to build and endow a new library and galleries and to renovate conservation

laboratories.

The purpose of a Kresge Foundation grant is to challenge the recipient to achieve its stated goal. The grant to the Museum is one of 133 grants in 36 states and the District of Columbia awarded by The Kresge Foundation this year after considering 1,316 proposals. The majority of these grants—totaling \$33,025,000 for 1983—go to projects involving construction or renovation of facilities. The Kresge Foundation authorized its grants on a challenge basis, requiring the raising of the remaining funds, thereby insuring the completion of the projects.

The Cleveland Museum of Art has raised \$4.9 million toward its \$6.7 million goal, not including the \$400,000 grant from Kresge. To qualify for the Kresge grant, the Museum must raise the remainder--\$1.4 million--by the end of the year.

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The Kresge Foundation was created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. Foundation grants are made to institutions in the areas of higher education, health care and related services, the arts and humanities, social services, science, conservation, religion, and public policy. The Cleveland Museum of Art campaign committee is co-chaired by Mrs. Edward A. Kilroy, Jr., and George Oliva, Jr., members of the Museum Board of Trustees.

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